

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended. Claims 1-4 and 7 are pending in this application.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 stands objected to because of the informalities. In response, Applicant has canceled claim 6 and included all of its limitations, as amended according to the Examiner's kind suggestions into claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that this objection is now deemed moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicant has amended claim 7 to be dependent on claim 3. Therefore, it is believed that claim 7 is now in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection to claim 7 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102, 35 U.S.C. §103 and Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Khaled et al. Claims 3 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Khaled et al. in view of Burckhardt. However, the Examiner has indicated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, Applicant has canceled claim 6 and included all of the limitations of canceled claim 6 into claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that

the rejections are deemed moot and claim 1 which includes the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 6 and its dependent claims 2-4 and 7 are believed allowable.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 7 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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